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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR: **PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING RESIDUES
FROM THE MICROSTRUCTURE OF AN OBJECT**

Enclosed are:

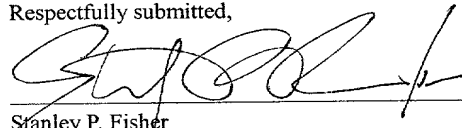
- ☒ 5 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☐ An Assignment of the invention to _____.
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- ☒ A Notice of Priority to claim priority date of February 9, 2001.
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